

No. PD-0504-20

STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee)(IN THE	FILED
)(COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
VS.	}}	COURT OF CRIMINAL	12/14/2020
)(DEANA WILLIAMSON, CLERK
APRIL WILLIAMS, Appellant)(OF APPEALS	

Appellee's Motion for Leave to File A Reply Brief Pursuant to Rule 70.4 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure

Now comes the State of Texas, Appellee, in the above styled and numbered cause, and requests leave to file a Reply Brief pursuant to Rule 70.4 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. At the Court of Appeals, appellant raised three issues for review: the exclusion of Jerry Williams from the courtroom, the trial court's denial of her request for a duress instruction, and the trial court's admission of extraneous conduct evidence.

The Court of Appeals found reversible error on the courtroom closure issue and did not address the other two issues. Appellee filed a petition for discretionary review contesting the Court of Appeals's holding on the courtroom closure issue on several different grounds. Appellee did not seek review of the two issues that were not addressed by the Court of Appeals and appellant did not file a cross-petition.

Appellee's petition was granted and on October 21, 2020 appellee filed a brief addressing the grounds for review raised in its petition. In its brief, appellant, in addition to addressing the issues raised by appellee's brief, unexpectedly included arguments on the two issues not addressed by the Court of Appeals. Thus, appellee requests leave to file a Reply Brief pursuant to Rule 70.4 so that it can address the additional issues raised by appellant's brief.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Appellee prays that grant its motion and grant it leave to file its Reply Brief.

Respectfully Submitted,

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